

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. NO.: 3963-01
BILL NO.: HB 1637
SUBJECT: Campaign Finance: Elections, Ethics
TYPE: Original
DATE: February 17, 2000

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 3 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Missouri Ethics Commission officials stated that this proposed legislation requires the submission of a new form and related documents to the Ethics Commission by individuals that would be subject to the new law. These forms and documents could potentially be generated as a result of purchasing political advertising from any of 33 TV stations, 174 radio stations, and 300 newspapers throughout the state as a result of political activities in hundreds of municipalities, school districts, and other entities. It is therefore conceivable that the Commission would receive, monitor, and store a large volume of printed material as a result of this law, and if that happens, additional space may be necessary.

Officials assume if the workload is such that an FTE would be needed on a full time basis the commission would be able to use a currently vacant position to provide that FTE. Therefore, costs would be absorbed with current appropriations.

Officials stated that any individual who fails to notify the Missouri Ethics Commission could be liable for a penalty assessed by the Commission that would be equal to the amount paid for the published or broadcast matter.

Officials did not estimate the amount of income that would be generated from the penalty that could be assessed.

Oversight assumes that there would be substantial compliance with the law and assumes any revenue from penalties would be insignificant.

Officials of the **Attorney General's Office** assume any costs from this proposal could be absorbed at current appropriation levels.

Secretary of State officials stated that rule making is not required for this proposal, therefore there would be no fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
	\$0	\$0	\$0

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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This bill requires any individual, acting on his or her own behalf or representing any business or committee other than a candidate or party committee, who purchases print advertising or who purchases or causes any matter to be transmitted on a broadcast station relative to any candidate for public office to fill out and sign a form to be prepared by the Missouri Ethics Commission listing certain information. In addition, the individual must provide a copy of the printed matter or a transcript of the broadcast matter to the Ethics Commission and the candidate, and must provide notice to the candidate of the broadcast.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and could require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Missouri Ethics Commission
Office of Attorney General
Secretary of State



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